



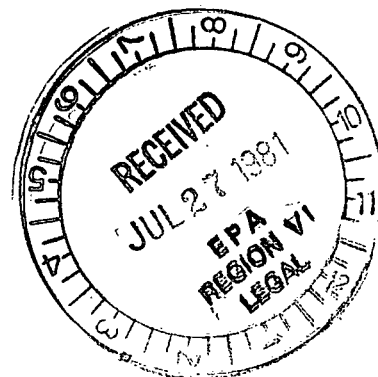
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Diana Dutton
Director
Enforcement Division (6E-LG)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region VI
1201 Elm Street
Dallas, Texas 75270



Re: Your Letter of June 19, 1981
to the Olin Corporation
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Ms. Dutton:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the captioned correspondence
(and attachments) on June 20, 1981.

Olin is in the process of investigating and evaluating the facts
and circumstances described in your letter. However, in order to
facilitate and expedite this effort, we would appreciate receiving
a copy of the following documents and materials:

1. The Eckhardt Questionnaire and Superfund Notice submitted
by Houston Belt and Terminal Railway Company, Houston, Texas, if
any; and any correspondence, test results or data exchanged between
EPA and Houston Belt (or its environmental consultants) in connection
with the Wallisville site.

2. The Eckhardt Questionnaire and Superfund Notice submitted
by Southern Transportation Company, Houston, Texas, if any; and
any correspondence, test results or data exchanged between EPA and
Southern Transportation (or its environmental consultants) in
connection with the Wallisville site.

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3. The Eckhardt Questionnaire and Superfund Notice submitted by Mustang Tractor Company, Houston, Texas, if any; and any correspondence, test results or data exchanged between EPA and Mustang Tractor (or its environmental consultants) in connection with the Wallisville site.


4. Any photographs, test reports, surveys, Agency memoranda and correspondence developed by EPA and/or in the Agency's possession in connection with this site.

5. Administrative Orders, citations, enforcement records and any similar materials contained in the Agency's files relative to the Wallisville property.

As I am sure your records reflect, Olin is no longer the owner of the subject property, and in fact, we no longer have legal access to either the real estate in question (or the adjacent right-of-way along the railroad). Therefore, the direct action which we lawfully may take is necessarily limited. Nonetheless, we are studying to what extent we can work with the Environmental Protection Agency and the responsible parties involved in this matter on appropriate corrective action. As a first step to that end, and to expedite communication between the Agency and Olin, any contacts, in connection with the Wallisville matter, should be directed to the undersigned.

Finally, please construe this letter as a preliminary and partial response to your letter of June 19 to the Olin Corporation. We anticipate that within the next 60 days, this investigation should be complete, at which time we again will be in contact with EPA concerning the above matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Allyn Myles Carnam", is written over a large, hand-drawn oval. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Allyn Myles Carnam
Counsel-Regulatory Affairs

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